

**Amendment to the Claims**

Claims 1 through 10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A conveyor belt having comprising at least one spliced joint, said spliced joint comprising a plurality of steel strands and a vulcanizable rubber composition applied to said steel strands, said vulcanizable rubber composition comprising 100 parts by weight of rubber, said rubber comprising from about 1 to about 40 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

12. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from the group consisting of polychloroprene, poly-epichlorohydrin, polyisobutylene, halogenated-polyisobutylene, natural rubber, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene, and blends thereof.

13. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from styrene-butadiene rubber and natural rubber.

14. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition comprises from about 5 to about 30 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

15. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

16. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

17. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

18. (Currently amended): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a

minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

19. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

20. (Currently amended): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

21. (New) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said conveyor belt further comprises a rubber body, and said steel strands are at least partially coated with rubber from said rubber body.